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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6360

BILL NUMBER: SB 333

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School discipline.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Howard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a school corporation to provide in its disciplinary rules for a meeting between the school principal and the person having care of a dependent student if the student is physically or verbally abusive to another individual on school grounds or in a school related setting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* School corporations could experience a minimal increase in administrative time and cost in implementing the provisions of this bill. The specific effects would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Under current law, school corporations are required to establish written discipline rules and give general publicity to these rules within their respective schools. In addition, school corporations are allowed to adopt rules compelling individuals with care of a dependant student to take part in disciplinary conferences.

Under the bill, school corporations would require such individuals (via existing discipline rules) to take part in disciplinary conferences under certain circumstances.

Background: For the 2001-2002 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 959,611 students, and public school enrollment totaled 995,507. Approximately 1,900 public schools were

in operation within Indiana's 293 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1997 through 2001. (Data for 2002 are not yet complete.)

| Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1997-2001 | | |
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| YEAR | SUSPENSIONS | EXPULSIONS |
| 2001 | 289,041 | 6,781 |
| 2000 | 293,934 | 7,313 |
| 1999 | 305,767 | 9,263 |
| 1998 | 302,593 | 10,229 |
| 1997 | 306,034 | 9,340 |

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: DOE ORACLE Data Tables and SAS Data Sets.

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